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Iran is still a rogue regime, "warming relations" is a farce (Rep. Franks)

The Obama Administration has a long record of misjudging foreign policy realities. This shortsightedness has led to numerous failures -- among them Egypt, Libya, Benghazi, and, most recently, Syria -- that have cost innocent lives, compromised the United States' position in the world, and threatened our own national security and that of our allies.

Mr. Obama's UN speech this week seems to indicate he is poised to make another such mistake by accepting the naïve and misinformed belief that Iranian President Hassan Rouhani represents a shift away from the radical nature of past Iranian regimes. In fact, Mr. Rouhani was instrumental in furthering the very nuclear program with which Iran seeks to threaten the world, and has repeated the former regimes' threatening language, including when he called Israel 'a wound that has sat on the Muslim world for years and needs to be removed.'

The popular concession this week is to embrace Iranian openness and reward their willingness to negotiate. But we know IAEA declarations have gone unanswered by this regime and diplomatic efforts, including ten rounds of negotiation since 2011, have borne no fruit. Decades have passed without a single concession from the world's leading sponsor of terror. In 2005 we saw North Korea, another rogue nation, petition for "talks" about ending their nuclear weapons program, demanding US concessions. How did they hold up



Iranian officials said a meeting between Iranian Pres. Rouhani and Pres. Obama would be "too complicated."

their end of that bargain? A few short months ago they conducted their third flagrant nuclear weapons test.

We cannot fail in our resolve to prevent an Iranian nuclear weapons program from coming to fruition. The stakes are simply too high. While we certainly hope for a peaceful path forward paved with diplomatic solutions, any negotiations at this stage must be backed by military strength of force to be effective. Iran's negotiating intentions underway in New York City have a clear goal; to sell-off sanctions. In doing so, I believe Rouhani's regime hopes to buy more time to secure a return on their nefarious nuclear investments. Iran knows their position stands to be emboldened by negotiations with the United States, since they possess the knowledge, technical expertise and equipment needed to build a nuclear weapon.

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Iran's New President More Dangerous Than His Predecessor (Rep. Fleming)

Iran's centrifuges continue humming as they churn out more enriched uranium, but that seems to be of little concern to the Obama Administration. In June of this year, Iran elected a new President: Hassan Rouhani, who has been hailed in the press as a

"moderate" who may be willing to negotiate on Iran's nuclear weapons program. The Obama Administration, in true form, has fallen hard for these overtures for peaceful dialogue.

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In his speech to the U.N. General Assembly this week, President Obama cited Mr. Rouhani's interviews in which he promised that Iran would never develop a nuclear weapon. Rouhani promised, so it must be true. Striking this conciliatory note, the Administration might as well just fold its cards as Iran attempts to negotiate a faux deal with the United States in exchange for easing sanctions. It's a similar tactic successfully pursued by North Korea, which engaged in a deal in 2005 to drop its weapons program. North Korea has since conducted three underground nuclear tests.

The reality is that Rouhani is actually more dangerous than his predecessor, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. At least Mr. Ahmadinejad sorely lacked some tact and skill in addressing America's itching



ears. This week Mr. Rouhani claimed that he had "full authority to make a nuclear deal with the West". Actually, that authority lies with the Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei. But again, Rouhani said it. While the Administration may be open to Iran's dilatory tactics, the centrifuges keep humming.

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